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CAHSPR Conference 2027

Call for Abstracts Guidelines

Deadline to Submit:
January 17, 2027 (11:59pm PT)

Notification of Acceptance:
February 22, 2027

Presentation Format & Submission Content Guidelines

STANDARD ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Abstract submissions for oral presentations should be for research that is either complete or will be complete by the conference dates. These sessions are grouped by the Scientific Program Committee into thematically related areas. Abstracts submitted as oral presentations may subsequently be considered for poster presentations if not accepted for the standard oral presentation format.

The abstract submitted should not exceed 350 words. You are encouraged to submit abstracts based on methods as well as content. For submissions on works in progress in which the results will not be complete by the conference dates, describe anticipated results or impacts.

EMBEDDED RESEARCH ORAL PRESENTATIONS

CAHSPR will accept submissions for oral presentations by embedded researchers, managers or policymakers from Canadian health care organizations or agencies involved in innovative program or policy initiatives likely to be of high interest to the health services and policy research community. These submissions may describe new or ongoing health programs or policies, cases of 'embedded research' within organizations, or describe future initiatives that would benefit from a strong involvement of researchers.

The abstract submitted should not exceed 350 words. Use the Approach section to describe the initiative and its innovative nature, and the Results section to describe the anticipated or observed results or impacts.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster presentations can be for research that is complete or in progress, as well as for novel ideas or other things that people wish to present in order to receive feedback from their peers. The schedule for the posters will be confirmed in the coming months.

The abstract submitted should not exceed 350 words. You are encouraged to submit abstracts based on methods as well as content. For submissions on works in progress in which the results will not be complete by the conference dates, describe anticipated results or impacts.

SUBMISSION CONTENT GUIDELINES

To facilitate peer review, all abstracts must be submitted in a structured format comprising of four sections:

- Background and objectives (75-word limit)
- Approach (100-word limit)
- Results (125-word limit)
- Conclusion (50-word limit)

Please be sure to read the instructions and important details carefully below.

Visit the CAHSPR website for more details about the conference
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Questions?
Contact Vicki Price
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Evaluation Critieria for Oral and Poster Presentations

Using a blind review process, the Scientific Committee will review presentations using the following criteria.

ORAL (STANDARD) & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Importance and relevance of the topic to health services & policy research
- Clarity of the research aim(s) or question(s)
- Appropriateness of methods and robustness of results
- Appropriateness of conclusions, consistent with the methods and results
- Importance of implications for health outcomes, practice, programs and/or policy
- Quality of writing

EMBEDDED RESEARCH ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Importance and relevance of the topic to health services and policy
- Clarity of the initiative
- Innovative nature of the initiative
- Likely interest to conference delegates
- Quality of writing

Abstract Themes and Methods

Submitters will identify which areas of focus best describe the abstract being submitted.

THEMES

- Care for Seniors
- Chronic Disease Management
- Climate Change
- Equity and Vulnerable Populations
- Health Financing/Funding
- Health Human Resources
- Health Informatics
- Health Policy
- Health System Performance
- Indigenous Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Mental Health and/or Addictions
- Patient and Public Engagement
- Pharmaceutical Policy
- Primary Care
- Public Health Emergencies

METHODS

- Economic Analysis
- Emerging Methods
- Experimental or Quasi-experimental
- Knowledge Synthesis
- Knowledge Translation Mobilization
- Mixed Methods
- Participatory or Action Research
- Patient Oriented Research
- Policy Analysis
- Program or Policy Evaluation
- Qualitative Research
- Survey Research

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Instructions and Important Submission Information

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

CAHSPR values collaboration, building capacity for future researchers, as well as making space for as many in the CAHSPR community to attend and present at the conference. For this reason, we encourage principal researchers/presenters to offer members of their team the opportunity to submit and present at the conference if submitting multiple abstracts for the same projects. Registration of each presenter is mandatory for final program inclusion.

In the event an accepted presenter is unable to attend the conference to present their abstract, a substitute presenter may be provided. Each substitution request will be reviewed to ensure the balance between acceptance of accepted content and opportunities to present.

GUIDLINES FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTERS

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an individual presenter may submit for consideration for either oral or poster presentations.
- Individual presenters are limited to being accepted for **no more than two (2) oral** presentations to provide as much opportunity to members of the CAHSPR community to participate.
- Submissions for abstracts (oral or poster) must identify the contact information for the submitter as well as the contact information for the presenter (if they are not the same person).
- Abstracts describing research involving Indigenous peoples are to include a brief statement of compliance with Chapter 9 of the Government of Canada's Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS2) - Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. Abstracts describing research involving First Nations people must also include a brief statement of compliance with the First Nations Principles of Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP).
- All abstracts must be submitted using CAHSPR's online abstract submission system and within the deadlines advertised.
- The abstract should appeal to CAHSPR's inter-professional membership of decision makers, managers, researchers, trainees and patients.
- Avoid specialized jargon and undefined abbreviations. Do not i.clude tables, figures, diagrams, footnotes, references, or acknowledgements in the text of the abstract.
- All presenters accepted through the abstract submission process and/or presenting at the conference must register and pay the conference registration fee. In addition, if the accepted presenter invites co-presenters to present with them, they must also register and pay the conference registration fee.
- Authors are encouraged to submit scoping reviews as poster presentations (only) as opposed to oral presentations.
- For submissions related to innovative programs or policies, authors may present as a group, but the lead presenting author must be an embedded researcher, healthcare manager or policymaker and must attend the conference.
- Accepted abstracts will be published online which will be available to the conference delegates and will be made available electronically on the CAHSPR site following the conference.
- French submissions are encouraged! Presenters are permitted to submit in the language of their choice and to present in the language of their choice.
- Abstracts are to be presented in the format for which they are accepted, which may be different than what was submitted.
- Names of authors and organizations must not appear in the abstract to allow for blind peer review.
- In an effort to be transparent and to promote learning, reviewer feedback is available upon request and will be provided only if the reviewer provided feedback for the submitter during the review process.

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